

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (canceled)

2. (currently amended) The method for electronic commerce over a network of ~~claim 1~~ claim 12 wherein said manufacturer specific order further comprises a customer identifier.

3. (canceled)

4. (canceled)

5. (canceled)

6. (currently amended) The method for electronic commerce over a network of ~~claim 1~~ claim 12 wherein said computer network is a world wide web.

7. (currently amended) The method for electronic commerce over a network of ~~claim 1~~ claim 12 further comprising: transmitting a purchase order from said customer to said exchange prior to said transporting a product through said computer network.

8. (canceled)

9. (previously presented) The method for electronic commerce over a network of claim 7 further comprising transmitting a purchase confirmation from said exchange to said manufacturer through said computer network.

10. (canceled)

11. (canceled)

12. (currently amended) A method for electronic commerce over a computer network, said method comprising:
transmitting an order entry data set from a customer to an exchange through said computer network wherein said order entry data set comprises a product identifier and a product volume;
determining a manufacturer from said product identifier;
transmitting a manufacturer specific order from said exchange through said computer network to said manufacturer wherein said manufacturer specific order comprises said product identifier and said product volume;
transmitting a product availability request from said manufacturer to a dealer through said computer network wherein said product availability request comprises said product identifier and said product volume;
transmitting an availability report from said dealer to said manufacturer through said computer network wherein said availability report comprises a dealer price adjustment;
transmitting a manufacturers confirmation report from said manufacturer to said exchange through said computer network wherein said manufacturers confirmation report comprises an availability index derived from said availability report and a customer price derived from a contractual relationship between said customer and said manufacturer;
transmitting a product order confirmation from said exchange to said customer through said computer network wherein said product order confirmation comprises said manufacturers confirmation report;

transporting a product corresponding to said product identifier from said dealer to said customer;
transferring purchase funds from said customer to said dealer through said computer network wherein said purchase funds correspond to said customer price; and
transferring manufacturer funds from said dealer to said manufacturer through said computer network The method for electronic commerce over a network of claim 11 wherein said customer price comprises said contractual price relationship and said dealer price adjustment.

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33. (canceled)

34. (withdrawn) A method for coordinating product orders and distribution over a network wherein a manufacturer and a customer have a specific contractual price relationship and wherein said method comprises:

receiving a manufacturing specific order over said network from an exchange by a first communication device where said manufacturing specific order comprises a product identifier, which identifies a product of said manufacturer, a product volume and a customer identifier which identifies said customer;

transmitting a product availability request to a dealer by a second communication device wherein said product availability request comprises said product identifier and said product volume;

receiving an availability report from said dealer by a third communication device wherein said availability report comprises a dealer availability index for said product and a dealer price adjustment;

determining a customer price from said contractual price relationship and said dealer price adjustment and an availability index from said dealer availability index and a manufacturers inventory;

transmitting a manufacturer confirmation report to said exchange by a fourth communication device wherein said manufacturer confirmation report comprises said customer price and said availability index;

receiving a purchase confirmation from said exchange by a fifth communication device wherein said purchase confirmation comprises products distributed by said dealer.

35. (withdrawn) The method for coordinating product orders and distribution over a network of claim 34 further comprising transmitting a dealer purchase order to said dealer by a sixth communication device wherein said dealer purchase order comprises said products distributed by said dealer.

36. (withdrawn) The method for coordinating product orders and distribution over a network of claim 34 wherein said first communication device and at least one of said group consisting of said second communication device, said third communication device, said fourth communication device, said fifth communication device and said sixth communication device are the same device.

37. (withdrawn) The method for coordinating product orders and distribution over a network of claim 36 wherein said first communication device; said second communication device; said third communication device; said fourth

communication device; said fifth communication device and said sixth communication device are the same device.

38. (withdrawn) The method for coordinating product orders and distribution over a network of claim 36 wherein said dealer distributes said product to said customer.

39. (withdrawn) The method for coordinating product orders and distribution over a network of claim 36 wherein said network is a world wide web.